

BOOK REVIEWS

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These two volumes list the species of Orchidaceae known from Mexico, in alphabetical order by genus, then by species, from *Acineta* to *Laelia* (Orchidaceae 1) and from *Lemboglossum* to *Xylobium* (Orchidaceae 2). There are also errata and additions to the first six parts (Agavaceae through Nolinaceae). For each species, there is a complete literature citation, followed by the basionym, along with all taxonomic and nomenclatural synonyms and respective type citations. It is clear that the authors have seen the vast majority of the type specimens involved. There are no lectotypes chosen in the work, but lectotypes chosen by other authors are cited clearly. Type specimens seen have the traditional "!" marking; otherwise, location of the holotype is cited as it appears in the protologue. Each species' distribution within Mexico is also given.

The list is a very handy reference for anyone interested in the Orchid flora of Mexico, or for that matter, Mesoamerica. It is printed on high quality paper and is clear and easy to read. The author abbreviations correspond to *Authors of Plant Names*, published by the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, and the literature citations correspond to the B-P-H and TL-2. I have seen no notable typographical errors.

Annotated checklists such as these are extremely useful, especially given the complete index to accepted names and synonyms in the back. This series is absolutely necessary for any curator dealing with Mexican monocotyledonous plants. We anxiously await the arrival of the other volumes, and unhesitatingly recommend them for everyone!—*John J. Pipoly III*